MOURN FORTHE MOURNER, AND NOT FOR THE DEAD.

" For he is at rest and we are in tears."

We shed our team like summerrain. When some beloved spirit files; For, while we count our loss his gain, Unbidden drops will blind our eyes. But, wreping for him, we forget Those degreat his still left to earth, Who, mourning at his grave, have yet To mourn for aye a darkened hearth

He is at rest, they are 'n tears: The heg w cross they have to bear In sorrow, throngs the coming years, We cannot fully know or share. But sympathetic words may steal

And heart-felt tears, like balm-drops, heal Some silent sgony of heart.

Then to the mourner, not the dead, Let tribute of our tears be given .-By every drop that thus is shed Wegain astronger hold on Heaven. For every tear a pearl of price Shall deck the vestments spotless white, When breaks at length death's heavy

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Plan for Reclaiming the Waste Lands of The Lower Mirsissippi.

From the Journal of the Pranklin Institute | Wa-HINGTON, D. C., January, 1886. Sir .- The magnitude of the subject I propose in this memoir to bring to your notice, and through you to the consideration of Congress, and the vast interests involved in reclaiming and conwerting to the use of the world the delta lands of the lower Mississippi valley, would suggest a sufficient excuse, were may necessary, for this manner of expressing my views on this subject, and attracting the attention of the country to the unappropriated elements of prosperity in the material of the waters of the Mississippi, borne on by its eternal flood

and constantly wasted in the tides of the Gulf of Mexico. I here propose briefly to suggest my undoubting conviction that a new plan of diking the lower Mississippi, in connection with a system of waste-weirs and gates, so constructed at proper distances in the levees of the river, that during all the seasons of great floods, vast volumes of the waters of the river. thick with the delta-making material borne down in the Missouri and other great rivers of the north-west, may be turned loff to overflow the extensive ewamps and morasses and fill the lagoons and lakes abounding between the tableand the proper alluvial bottoms of lands and the proper alluvial bottoms of habitation. In fact, these changes are in them and creating from the waters in them and creating from the waters so extraordinary in a very few years. trations will now be made more clear. logic are remarkable for candor, clear-logic are remarkable for in richness, for the culture of cotton and sugar, relieve the country from their fatal malarias, and create sanitary and productive soil where morass, swamp,

The fact that an engineer of the srmv.

stagnant lagoons and lakes are the fruit

judgment, offered, however, with diffi- the human race.

continually higher and stronger dikes to gressive time.

opi bayou is particularly favorable to successful application of skillful successful application of skillful ngineering, so as to control the regulation of this great yearly of this river, and in the progress of time, aiding and directing its flood to accomplish by its own power and perpetual laws, the regeneration of its warse, are the regulation of the great yearly notes of France, then fallen to a discount of the states during the last five years amount to \$15.212.500. The flood of these tributaries have been recomplish by its own power and perpetual laws, the regeneration of its wastes of march, swamps, morass, lagoens and supplying waters, and to their inducence of things in the South, inviting in that direction the enterprise, energy and in the gilded capper, for the hair, so much in over the regulation of the great yearly and ladies, have been receive at par in subscription to its stock of one hundred millions, the depreciated of one hundred millions, the depreciated of one hundred millions in landed estates in France, then fallen to a discount of seventy per cent. He also undertooks of agriculture, and new plans for the other opinion from decive at par in subscription to its stock of one hundred millions, the depreciated in principles of the despect of the ladies, have been receive at par in subscription to its stock of one hundred millions, the depreciated in principles of the despectate of the lower before reaching in the North, the West, and the lower before reaching in the States. His wife and daughters lived in principles and ladies, have been receive at par in subscription to its stock of one hundred of the States. His wife and daughters lived in principles and ladies, have been receive at par in subscription to its stock of one hundred of the North, the Court of the Mississippi new subscription to its stock of the despectate of the lower before reaching the lower parameters of four per cent. He also undertooks millions in landed. 2. The fluid capper, for the hair, so much in the lidies, have bee

lakes, and make them prolific sources of consequently seldom contemporaneous States cotton and sugar. Lands most

The system should begin up the river, should waste.

seasons of flood. would be creating new and rich lands, destructive torrent force in higher altiand percipitating the time when, in tudes and narrow mountain beds, until pare the earth for the growth and devel- valley of the Mississippi bottom. Here valleys exalted."

heavy floods and the drift they often mountain slopes and high lands. channels of this mighty river.

distinguished for capabilities as a general, and in scientific and practical engineering, has been charged by you with the ing, has been charged by you with the repairs of the levees, neglected and of the formation of new land and bars extent of the necessary waste-weirs may destroyed since the beginning of the at the embouchures into the Gulf; and be sufficiently approximated for all pracis explained as being most suitable and rebellion, and sent to superintend their while it lessens the constantly accumulareconstruction, suggests clearly to my ting and elevating alluvium there, that resolved. mind your views of the powers of the government to take in hand any measures of this nature, involving and facil- navigation by enlarging the bars and number, and at proper distances conitating commercial intercourse with the necessitating the construction of higher ducted along the entire length of dike have been virtually without any Sabbath itating commercial intercourse with the many States washed and traversed by the tributaries of this great inland sea," inundation, it will, at the same constant and all emptying their floods through this great lower basin of the Mississippi in the morasses and swamps above, and the gradually rise in flood as they reach the they recognize as Sabbath. The result in time raise all the upper basin to a top of the aprons highest up the stream, is that they are becoming lax, and so to the Gulf of Mexico.

How far the government, under its higher level, drain or expel the waters of they flow over the riveted aprons by fast tending to utter irreligion, apostacy, now far the government, under its lagoons and lakes, and reclaim for the slow degrees, and seek slowly the lowest and the total destruction of the Jewish merce between the different States," can, incidentally, in improving the navigation of the dewist and the total destruction of the dewist merce between the different States," can, incidentally, in improving the navigation of the dewist and the total destruction of the dewist and the deviation of the dewist and the total destruction of the dewist and the deviation of of this tide-water river, introduce im- growth of cotton and sugar. Such is tent, and of almost unbroken level, and question is accordingly asked: provements by any system of diking. the rationale of fact, so far as we know in these they spread themselves out and releasing the main flood-waters from exreleasing the main nood-waters from existing banks and beds, so as to divert their creative material of delta into the their creative material of delta into the examps, lagoons and lakes of the State of civilization, science and man, the ton and sugar of the world. From the influence upon you? You can not stand of Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana, elements are made to subserve his inand reclaim them from wastes productive and reclaim them from wastes productive

dence, as shearly within the powers of Congress as it is so pass laws of quarantine and health, or laws to protect life been improved and made the most proand preserve health on steamers that ductive and remunerative lands of that and spending its accumulating force and select Sunday, because in the fear of navigate this river or the high seas. continent. Different systems for drain-Preventive measures against pestilence age have been adopted, but they have all grow, and would otherwise gain resistand epidemies at home are, or ought to been effected at enormous labor, during less strength. Thus they lose the debe, as much under the control of Con- long periods of time, and at almost structive power of confined torrents and because it can be hallowed, while ours, gress as legislation to close our harbors fabulous costs. In the low lands of floods, as the waters spread out over the as at present arranged, is an utter imand rivers against their importation from Holland large lagoons and lakes were vast level surface of this delta-making possibility." abroad.

At all events, the right of the government to improve navigation of rivers ing them from such positions by canals while the water evaporates and is lost.

The process of pumping soil, raising by slow but perpetual interest the writer attacks with vigor the intolerance of this definition of these bottoms, the writer attacks with vigor the intolerance of this definition of these bottoms, while the water evaporates and is lost. that flow into the sea is conceded; and and ditches; but years were spent in Perhaps it is a clearer annunciation been displayed by his fellow-religionists. under this co neession, I shall proceed to this slow process, and royal exchequers of this problem, and better illustrates It created the Christian Church. Jesus show that the p. an I propose goes directed in the vast extent of the plan, to call the system of wastern and better illustrates was a Jew, a great man, a second Moses, ly to this point, and is one of the most morass and swamp, and the great volume weirs artificial rivers, having the capa. who desired to purify the faith and corsoundied and practical the government and surface of water in the lagoons and city to carry off and waste a volume of rect the vices of their church and Under the present regimen of this would render all mechanical means un-Under the present regimen of this river, as partially regulated by existing availing in the regeneration of wastes of their magnitude. For this reason, I systems of dikes, the waters, charged with their rich and fertilizing material with their rich and fertilizing material propose to subjugate to use for this great This is substantially my plan. The unsubstantially my plan. with their rich and fertifizing material achievement the mighty power of the forming our deltas, are not permitted to spread themselves over the great alluvial spread themselves over the great alluv but are borne on into the Gulf, deposit. of flow, and evaporation, and deposit, reclaim the great wastes of the Missisbut are borne on into the Guit, deposit-ing their material near the great mouths, will in less time perform this plan of sippi basin, to eliminate the creative and constantly forming new land there.

The heavier water of the sea, and the the heavier water of the sea, and the story of all known mechanical forces, heat of summer there, to convert these sing ger tide and stream of the Gull, directed by the highest practical skill of wastes into the richest lands of this conis and about the configence of the fresh with the sail water. Here it creates and with the sail water. Here it creates and increases bars, setting back as dams set bridling its accumulated waters, tame the Gulf, are not impossibilities. Nothback the waters in their channels, and in their normal insubordination, and conprogress of time raises the water in the vert its neverfailing power to cumulative strongest sense, is too great for the enerprogress of time raises the water in the main beds above their banks, requiring use that will profit mankind in all pro-

prevent overflow and the destruction of This proposition and its theory will ican engineers and enterprise to accomchanged by artificial means, in a great of the Mississippi and its great tribut- unchanging laws.

The molting snows and the rains this essential necessities to all the conditions, where dikes are necessary to preserve swell the Ohio and the water-table of convenience, and comfort of man, will the plantations and cultivable lands from the western slope of the Alleghanies, be in constantly increasing demand, and overflows by high water. From these and the eastern dip of the rolling lands nature, in its progressive creation, seems points to the mouth of the river waste- and prairies of Illinois, Indians, and to be preparing the alluvium of our surveys by practical and skilled engineers cause in thawing, at a still later season, wealth that founds and perpetuates our should be made to determine their num- of the eternal snows of the highest commercial prosperity. ber and the volume of water they mountains of the Cordilleras of Russian America, has its prominent independence aprons, at five hundred or even a thous- lity and power from the vastness of its and points along the length of the drainage, and the magnitude of it mounlevees from Tennessee to the mouth of tain sources, in ever-increasing snows the river, would be an insignificant figure deposited from the vapor of the great built at a less height, riveted with plank not yet trodden. None of these great enable them to report understandingly aprons, over which the water with its rivers in their lower and broad valleys, on its practicability and estimated cost. delta-making material will flow into the dash down their floods with any of the low swamps and morasses during all fury of mountain torrents, suddenly swollen by heavy rains or melting snows; Compared with the benefits to the but they roll them thousands and more country, it would be economy should of miles through broad valleys of gradual they cost millions; for in all time they and slight slope, after spending their God's unchanging creative laws, to pre- they meet and mingle in the still broader pment of man under the Divine decree they become tranquilized as they mix to multiply and replenish the earth, "the and mingle together, and swell on in

mountains shall be made low and the greater majesty but less rapid currents through the lower basin; as if hesitat-Illustrations without number are con- ing to lose their individuality in the seas clusive of the truth of my theory and that drink them up. In this basin, day of rest, a real Sabbath, which can its practical application. Few men have whose delta-lands are of uniform level, he observed by all Israel, we propose to ived long in the lower basin of the they may be subjugated to the control of adopt that day which is set apart by Mississippi river without observing its man, and spread out by artificial means, hundreds of millions, nay, the whole realization in the formation in a few having lost the destructive power of civilized world, for physical rest and the years of new islands and lands whenever torrents and floods precipitated from worship of God. Let our prayers and lodge in the beds of the river, have | The rise of the flood-waters of the

changed the direction of the current of Mississippi below the mouth of the the stream so as to form eddies. Here Arkansas is always by slow degrees, the force of the stream cease to carry on seldom, I believe, to exceed four inches ple for many centuries jealous of the the delta-making material with its cur- in any twenty-four hours. Artificial elighest variation from the established rent. In a single flood large deposits banks and dikes confine these waters in customs, declares that he has been are precipitated, forming the foundation their main channel from the mouth of "selected as the spokesman of a party, for a new island, increasing in its pro- this river to the Gulf. These dikes are respectable in number, respectable in portions, with each succeeding flood and constructed with a height intended to intellect, fully persuaded of the correctin the lifetime of a single individual prevent any overflow by the highest ness of their views, and fully determined so sudden, and the accumulation of delta and from preceding premises my illus- one, for the temper of the article and its with any degree of safety the helm of morass, swamp, marsh, lagoons, lakes rost. Cease from labor and devote to the steamers that thread the changing and bottom surface, it is intended to the services of God-this is the literal It must be conceded, then, that much average days of floods of each year can Shabbas or Sabbath. * * How does but that his superior clearness, quick of the delta-making material in the also be ascertained. The amount of the the fourth commandment read? Does it waters of the Mississippi that would be delta-making material in every thousand say on this or that particular day, speciborne into the Gulf in its natural flow, cubic feet of flood-water can also be fying it by name, Saturday, thou shalt can be voread out by artificial means, gathered and accurately measured rest, and it shall be your Sabbath hence-and deposited in the swamps, marshes, When these four now unknown quanti-

and reclaim them from wastes productive the wilderness and waste places for the only of contagious fevers and pestilence, congress must decide. But it is my expansion of empire and the growth of the human race.

The wilderness and waste places for the plank revetments, so inclined as to congress must decide. But it is my capanism of empire and the growth of the human race.

The waster in the beginning of the progress, the law of nature and nature's God, will propel you on to that inevitable plank revetments, so inclined as to create little or no current as the waters. lakes in the lower Mississippi basis, water equal, or approximating in people, nothing more or loss. "But as a That is unchanging, and by its own laws value that cannot be over-estimated. To vices, follies, irreligion and cruelty ingenuity and practical science of Amer-

productive of the best qualities of these

weirs of timber, with riveted aprens of Ohio, occur long before the flood of the Gulf States for the supply of the world. plank, should be constructed in the Arkansas, that has its cause in the melt- The logic of events should not be misevees, so as to carry off the flood-waters ing snows of the Sierra Madres of New taken, and in the progress of things, let into the swamps, marshes and lagoons, Mexico and Colorado Territories. The us wisely apply its reasoning, and predepositing in them the delta-making lilinois river, that drains the central and pare for a great future. The experimaterial of every flood, while the water northern prairies of the State, is seldom ence of the past half century is convinby evaporation, spreading out over at its full flow when the melting snows cing proof that the Gulf States are to greater surface, wastes itself, is drank up of the extreme north-west and the Hudby the soil, or filters itself through the son Bay region bring down the greater sugar to the world, and the deltas of the sands and is lost in other outlets to the and later drainage from the upper lake Mississippi basins have proved them-Gulf. The proportion and numbers of country, in the clear water channel of selves the most productive and profitable these waste-weirs must be regulated by the upper Mississippi. But the still soils for the growth of these staples of the topography of the country, the extent of morass, swamps, lagoons and from the Fellowstone and the upper are principal among the sources of lakes to be filled. The most thorough sources of the Missouri, having their revenue, and lead in the agricultural

Should these views present this subject to your mind in a new and more im-The cost of such waste-weirs or of all others as it has its higher sublim- portant light than you have heretofore considered it, I beg to suggest the appointment of a board of engineers, emgent in science and practical engineerthe river, would be an insignificant figure deposited from the vapor of the great ing, to examine into the expediency of above the cost of the earth levees as Pacific Ocean, borne on by the prevailnow constructed. They would, in fact, ring winds from that ocean's coast, and ask of Congress an appropriation of form only another plan of diking, by constantly percipitated on the snow-cap-using at intervals timber instead of earth, ped tops of mountains where man has of such surveys and examinations as will I am, very respectfully, your ebedient servant,

B. S. ROBERTS, Brevet Brigadier-General U. S. army. HON. E. M. STANTON. Secretary of War.

Important Movement on Foot. An Escaelite Pleading for

THE SABBATH QUESTION.

sunday. A contributor to the Israelite, pub-

lished at Cincinnati, begins his communication as follows: "In order, then, that we may have a thanksgiving with theirs ascend to His

throne on the same day, the Sunday." The writer who makes this proposi tion, so repugnant to the ears of a peo-

spread over, can also be calculated. The and spiritual meaning of the word

convenient for the Hebrews at that era. The institution, it is presumed, answered

country, he was crucified and made a martyr of, and his disciples made him a God. 'The blood of the martyrs is the created that church which has been our scourge and oppressor through count-It is proposed to call a grand re

ligi council, who can settle this Sab-bat equestion definitely; either adopting Sunday for all or dividing those wishing Sunday and those retaining Saturday as the Sabbath. These views will naturally create ex-

citement, and probably lead to no immediate results; but they indicate the dissemination of a spirit of inquiry which must eventually break down the wall of partition between the Israelites and

WELCOME TO THE BABY. BY PLOBERUK HOSMEL.*

Embryo man! thine hour of birth Erings toy to this dull earth; cluid November wears a smile On his darkened face the while; And home's bower is less forforn; For a bud of hope is born.

EI. Though without the wind is cold.
Wailing through the leafless wold,
"Witsoms weething," are to sight,
welcome to sweet air and light!
Resund thee, in thy cradle sleep,
Watch and ward the angels keep.

III. III.

Idnes of loveliness and grace,
Visible in form and face,
Tell a tale of her who bore thro
While she bends in beauty o'er thee;
Runbsam of the hou enoid hearth,
Welcome to our darkened earth!

Cwago, Tioga county, Nov. 20, 1808. "A daughter of W. H. C. Hosmer, the Bard

THE SMORER.

Sometimes the big world vexes me.
Sometimes dull care perpiexes me;
Sometimes on the sea of life
Such aborms around me cluster,
And rear, and rave, and bluster,
I seem to sink in the strice
No matter! There's always a truce
In the heat of the wildest war;
At seat I dream or think se,
As I smoke my first cigar.

Sometimes when nothing alls me.
Except that the money fails me,
I envy the rich in the r pride.
Though their only obvi us merit
Is the gold that they inherit,
And couldn't sero if they tried;
But quiet y after dinner.
I banish such thoughts afar;
What do I care for Furtum,
As I smoke my second digar? metimes when nothing alls me.

Sometimes in the heartless city,
I think it a shame and pity
That cash and virtue are one;
That to swindle for shillings seems awful,
While to punder for millions is lawful,
If only successfully done.
But wby should I mend its morals,
Or call the world to my bar?
I've dined, and I wish to be quie!—
I'll smoke my third cigar.

THE MISSISSIPPI BUBBLE.

The Story of John Law's Great Speculation.

One of the Biggest Swindles of any Age.

combination, easy grace and magnani-

From the Cincinnati Commercial. The operations, equally gigantic and pefarious, which the Erie railway clique of speculators have lately consummated in New York, render interesting a comparison with some of the financial managed to secure for his company the laws of nature.

Instead of restoring the credit of the most prominent place must be assigned to the Mississippi scheme, which overran France with the wildfire of specula- so many millions. A little later he unran France with the wildfire of specula-tion in 1719--'20, and which owed its dertook the direct collection of all the popular man in the kingdom. Law now taken by passing the ink roller over the origin to the fertile brain of John Law. taxes for the exchequer, and obtained a became, in a few days' time, the most This shrewd and intelligent Scotchman, then son of an Edinburg goldsmith, was gifted with a personal address, eloquence gifted with a personal address, eloquence and charm of countenance well adapted valuable privileges were trumpeted to tendent of Finance, and soon after to the level of the rest of the plate. On to secure success among a people so sensitive to gentlemanly attractions as the fortune to the new company, whose stock ment, in its zeal, would have brought ink is transfered to the paper, and we French. At the age of twenty-four he now rose, under the stimulus of a suc- him to justice, and he would have been have the "black proof," i. e., the notes the proper alluvial bottoms of habitation. In fact, these changes are river that I propose to operate my plan. The selection is manifestly a fortunate left England for the continent, and in a cess heretofore unheard of, to 300 per surely hanged, but for the friendly shellfew years lived successively in Amster- cent, and even more. New shares were ter of the Regent, who sent him a pass- the paper is black. Whatever mistakes that pilots of the lower Mississippi, absent or unemployed for such periods of time, are lost in their bearings, and must study the new landmarks to resume with any degree of safety the helm of with any degree of safety the helm of the lower Mississippi, absent of time, are lost in their bearings, and moderation. The aprons of my waste-weirs should be ness and moderation. The old Hebrew word "Shabbas, and notely of make good his remarkants to reacted, on one present and another, and notely of make good his remarkants to reacted, on one present and another, and notely of make good his remarkants to reacted, on one present and another, and notely of make good his remarkants to reacted, on one present and another, and notely of make good his remarkants to reacted, on one present and another, and notely of make good his reacted, on one present and another, and notely of make good his remarkants to reacted, on one present and another, and notely of make good his reacted, on one present and another, and notely of make good his remarkants to reacted, on one present and another, and notely of make good his remarkants to reacted, on one present and another, and notely of make good his remarkants to reacted, on one present and another, and notely of make good his remarkants. The policy of the company, like with him to Brussels, out of the company, like with him to Brussels, out of the company, like with him to Brussels, out of the company, like with him to Brussels, out of the company, like with him to Brussels, out of the company, like the stant another than the provided at an enormous premium. The policy of the company, like the stant another than the provided at an enormous premium. The policy of the company has been made are now marked and moderation.

The aprons of my waste-weirs should be constructed at medium water-lines. The policy of the company has been made are now marked and moderation.

The aprons of my waste-weirs should be constructed at medium water-lines. The policy of the company has been made are now m chances, he won steadily, and often very large sums. Saint Simon tells us in his memoirs that Law did not cheat at cards, but that his superior clearness quick sought for with avidity.

May, when the bank stopped payment are ready for the printer. He takes in specie. The more rapid the decline each one and passes the ink roller over

> mous coolness, gave him continual advantage over the hot competitors who vantage over the hot competitors who were blinded by the passion of play.
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> After living, for some years, the life of an adventurer, Law betook himself to an adventurer, Law betook himself to higher game. The mysterious power of credit, the function of specie as a basis each other in the eager scramble for of all financial operations, and the in- stock. All the apartments in the vicin- that the only way to escape the permadefinite capacities of paper as a representative of value, absorbed and fasei ated his scheming mind. He composed one poor fellow, with a humpback, even cease to have currency after a certain s work entitled "Considerations on made a fortune of 40,000 francs by rent- month. Bank notes were periodically Money and Trade," and offered to his own ing it as an extempore writing desk to burned. It was allowed to be stipulated countrymen, the Scotch, his first brilliant scheme of a land bank, which was to scheme of a land bank, which was to enrich the landlords while strengthening the credit of the State. These territorial notes, secured upon landed estate, were the germ of the "Credit Foncier" The stories of fortunes won in a day were the germ of the "Credit Foncier" the number of foreigners and over transe, and even to made only in gold and silver. A little later it was decreed that paper could only be given in payment when half the stories of fortunes won in a day were the germ of the "Credit Foncier" the number of foreigners and over transe, and even to made only in gold and silver. A little later it was decreed that paper could only be given in payment when half the stories of fortunes won in a day but the coinage was raised. By a purity of the coinage was raised. By a beauty pasteboard. It is then placed to in our day. But Scotland proved too canny a customer for so magnificent a reachmen assembled in Paris for purscheme. The Parliament passed a resolution that, to establish any kind of paper credit so as to force it to pass, was an improper a realization. The parliament passed a resolution that, to establish any kind of paper credit so as to force it to pass, was an improper a realization. The parliament passed a resolution that, to establish any kind of paper credit so as to force it to pass, was an improper a realization. proper expedient for the nation. Wise and wholesome conclusion, in which we have to lament that all other nations, then and since, did not concur!

was, favorable. Louis XIV., the great in stocks. monarch, had just died, leaving to his At evening it frequently became people a magnificent inheritance of necessary to send a corps of gens d'armes glory—and of debt. Trade was prostrated, the government finances were in course to all sorts of tricks to whet and keep up the excitement. Great combithe highest offices of the State down to nations were formed every now and then the lowest, having brought the treasury to "bear" the stock, with the hope of to the verge of bankruptey. The Duke buying in at a profit. Emissaries, in the of Orleans was regent, a man who hated pay of the great stock jobbers, spread business, and in whom Law had found wild rumors through the excited crowd. opportunities to inspire respect for his Unheard-of tricks spread wide and sudfinancial ability and wisdom Early in den fluctuations, impoverishing some 1716, a royal edict granted to Law and and enriching others, from morning till his brother the right to establish a bank, night. The stock rose at one time, for with a capital of six million livres, whose the short period of two weeks, to the notes were made receivable for taxes, and wild figure of two thousand per cent.! redeemable at sight by all depositaries | The list of "Mississippians," as the pooof the royal revenues. Soon after the ple who made fortunes out of the bubble innumerable finance offices of the state were called, has preserved the names of became so many branches of Law's Royal one hundred persons who gained, while German poet Geibel has received from the park. He made all his notes payable the scheme lasted, above twenty million the privy purse for the last fifteen years. in the same coin in which they were issued; and, as the government was constantly debasing the coinage, in its shifts to meet expenditures, this gave at once St. Simon, who did not, at some time or the last lifteen years. The immediate cause of the royal displeasure is a poem which Geibel wrote to welcome the King of Prussia on his visit to Lubeck, Geibel's native place, to Law's notes an immense advantage. other, enter into the fascinating specula- and the reason alleged in the official In fact, they soon appreciated to a pre- tion. A banker's lackey, named Dupin, communication is "the change in Geibel's mium of fifteen per cent., as compared retired with a fortune of fifty millions. political sentiments." Geibel has writwith specie while the billets d'etat of the A waiter at a tavern realised thirty mil. ten a long letter to the King of Bavaria, government, issued for the debts of the lions, went to England and came back a in which he first resigns his professorextravagant Louis XIV., were at a dis- British "Milord," with his equipage and ship at the University of Munich, and count of seventy to eighty per cent. The servants. The price of shares frequently then declares that there has been no credit of Law's bank soon extended over rose ten or twenty per cent. in the course France. The Regent, who saw with of a few hours.

wonder the success of this banking This inordinate inflation was felt scheme, gradually conceived the fatal throughout the whole framework of the success of this banking throughout the whole framework of the success of this banking throughout the whole framework of the success of this banking throughout the whole framework of the success of this banking throughout the whole framework of the success of this banking throughout the whole framework of the success of this banking throughout the whole framework of the success of this banking throughout the whole framework of the success of this banking throughout the whole framework of the success of this banking throughout the whole framework of the success of this banking throughout the whole framework of the success of the succe idea that paper money which could so business and society. The abundance of aid a metallic currency could wholly su- securities, some real, others fictitious, but persede it. Law, whose scheming brain never relaxed, proposed to the Regent a grand plan for the colonization of Louisiana, which had become a French posseen the next provided with magnificent water-lines.

These are the unchangeable laws governing the creation and growth of great alluvial bayons and bottoms. They are nature's laws, and can only be partially obanged by artificial means, in a great of the Mississippi and its great tributsession thirty years before. This terri- palaces and all the accompaniments of consider by a reason in the desirable and proper that I should be reason in the geography of the great Missis
The geography of the great day. John Law, who was now created volumes of manuscript, one of which our associate, is not upon our hands. Comptroller General of France, became contains an illustration of the Israelites We are innocent in the sight of God, and ent to grant an exclusive charter to the by far the most considerable person in crossing the Red sea, well armed with shall prove ourselves innocent in the The geography of the great Missistention to the habits of all these main tention to

the plausible foreigner could redeem this scribe him, he would unquestionably aiso, he would deserve that France have conveyed all his profits to foreign should erect statues in his honor. The countries, ready to follow himself when charter was speedily granted; the com- the inevitable collapse arrived.

pany received an irrevocable grant of all | The golden age of the Mississippi lands, water-courses, rivers, forests and scheme lasted about eight months. It islands, dependent upon Louisians, with is consoling to read that there was sanity by showing them whatever of interest the right of alienating property, arming enough left in the nation to constitute a there may be in connection with our vessels and being exempt from taxes. formidable counter-current to the grow- establishment. And we have noticed Law contrived to raise the credit of the ing wild expansion. The Parliament of stock by giving out that he would pur- Paris, to its immortal honor, refused to two places than by any others. The chase at par, at six months' date, the register the decrees of the regent, preshares that were then selling at fifty. dicting that so great creations of paper This bold policy worked well with the money would bring the country to bank-Parisians, who, inexperienced in stock- ruptcy, and it was again and again dis- last number, and in the present article jobbing, were dazzled with the excess of daring displayed by the Scottish finan-with that blind folly which is repeated of a musical composition in its passage cier. The shares rose to par, Law united by the expansionists of our own day. with the original Mississippi company, argued that if five hundred millions of in 1719, several other trading companies paper had effected such wonderful reto Africa and the East Indies, which suita, another five hundred millions with shrinking hand and hesitating had been unsuccessful, and the fusion of would be of still greater advantage. them all formed the new Indian com- Law, who knew better, found his interpany, with exclusive concessions and ests to lie in the same direction. In tour heartedness of publishers that it is with propelies, said to be of immense value. months notes were fabricated to the fear and trembling that he beards the The art of puffing, then in its infancy, amount of over fifteen hundred million was at once brought into the most active livres, or three hundred million dollars. is agreeably disappointed. The affable, requisition. Large engravings were cir. At length the excessive issues reached a friendly manner, and warm grasp of the culated, representing the arrival of the point at which heavy depreciation behand wish which he is greeted, assures french at the Mississippi, in the midst came inevitable. The foreign specula-him that if his "bantling" is declined be of an enchanting country, with male and tors, who had rushed to Paris like bees can have no grounds of complaint at female savages running to meet them to a hive, began to gather up their gains, the manner in which it is done. But with an affectionate welcome. "There and to convert them into gold and silare seen," said the accompanying descrip- ver, which they shipped out of the kingtion, "mountains full of gold and silver, dom. copper, lead and quicksilver." It was The bankers of Lyons, Bordeaux, and

leclared that a rock of pure emerald had other large towns, began to refuse the been discovered in Arkansas, and that notes of Law's great company, when the natives eagerly exchanged gold, offered in large amounts. The stock gems, and the most precious jewels for began sensibly to feel the approaches of knives, looking-glasses, and even a little a want of confidence-that fatal breath brandy. In point of fact, the Missis- which, sooner or later, collapses all ippi region was then scarcely a habi-table desert, desolated by fever in the Then came a series of forced attempts to to the plates. They are composed of ower part, and with less than four hun- stop the inevitable by force of law. It dred whites and twenty blacks in all was decreed that no person in France tially the same metal as is used in ordi-Louisiana. Law's magnificent company should keep more than five hundred did little in America save to lay the francs in coined money, on pain of fine foundation of a town, to which he gave and confiscation. All persons were forthe name of his munificent patron, the bidden to make payments above one One of these plates, of course, is re-Regent of France. Such was the origin hundred francs in anything but bank of New Orleans.

Such was the origin hundred francs in anything but bank notes. Finally, royal decree abolished But the brilliant scheme, however ill- the use of gold and silver, on and after founded and abortive abroad, was des- the first of August, 1720, and made patined to achieve a miraculous success at per the sole legal tender. To such notes, rests, lettering, etc. This is not home. The shares rose from par to 130, lengths was the government carried in as long an operation as it would at first profitable monopoly of tobacco, on which paper, these measures destroyed it irrevthe French government has since made ocably, and drove France almost to the concession of the profit of the coinage odious. The animosity against him created, on one pretext and another, and port and money to make good his re-

Rue Quincampoix was thronged with of the paper, the greater seemed the rage it as before, and then with a piece of carriages from morning till night. Duch- of the brokers for speculation in it. cloth wipes off the ink. The surface of esses came in their robes to besiege the The government now hurled futile edicts the plate, being brightly polished, is ity were rented at fabulous prices to those nence of the ruin was to recognize it. It

then and since, did not concur!

Baffled in the hope of launching his great credit scheme at Edinburg, Law established himself at Paris. The time ing away from their duties to speculate for the final end of his scheme, its history was elevely supposed by the first terms of the final end of his scheme, its history was elevely supposed by the first terms and the crowd. following epigrams, which were placarded on the walls of Paris:

"Ce git est Elecerala celebre Cacalculatem sans egal, Qui, paries regles de algebre, Amis le France a l'Hopitsi." Amis is France a l'Hopital."

Belzebub begat I aw;
Law begat the Mississippi;
The Mississippi begat the scheme;
The achema begat the panes;
The paper begat the bank;
The bank begat the hote;
The note begat the hote;
The share begat the st. ck.-johbing;
Thestock-jobbing begat the registration
The reg stration begat the account;
The account begat the general balance;
The weneral balance begat zero,
From which all power of begetting was
taken away."

Poets under a (loud.

The King of Bavaria has just withdrawn the pension which the popular change in his political opinions, and that in his earlier poems he always exunited Germany. The events of 1866 had only given the feeling a more definite form. Geibel has many friends in Munich, and his loss will be the regretted more at that capital, as it involves that of another literary celebrity.

Paul Heyse, the well-known novelist. who was also in the receipt of a pension

-It is said the British expedition to for redress. Abyssinia brought back several hundred

MUSIC PRINTING.

Almost every day from one to a dozen of our business friends and acquaintances drop in on us, and we, as in duty that there is more interest excited by the music printing presses. Of the former we gave a slight sketch in our through the engravers' hands.

First, the author, (it may be a young

step, enters Mr. Geo. P. Root's sanctum let us suppose the piece accepted and placed in a crowded folio with hundreds f others, each awaiting its turn. Thence in due time it goes to the engraver. The word "engraver" gives a wrong impression to many. Music is stamped, not engraved. The ornamental title pages, staffs, bars, slur, and ties are all that are really engraved. All else is nary printing types. The composition is rolled out into plates about three thirty-seconds of an inch in thickness. quired for each page of music. The engraver lays out the piece, rules the staff by a machine constructed for that purpose, and then stamps in the clefs, seem. A good workman can readily complete three plates a day.

Let us suppose the plates finished. The next step is to take a proof to see surface of the plates, when of course it leaves a coating of ink everywhere exthe clique, no matter what became of the public. The coveted shares were the public. The coveted shares were the public than the depression in the public them. The surface is then wiped off, cleaned with turpentine, and the plates press, a sheet of paper laid on, and a thick blanket over this, and the handle turned. The great pressure employed forces the paper into the hollows and

> depressions in the plate, and thus secures an accurate impression. It should be stated that the paper is slightly dampened, as in that condition it takes the ink better than if it were perfectly dry. The printer continues this process until the close of the day. a powerful serew press, and subject to an immense pressure, as well to remove the creases caused by the edges of the plates, as to give it a smooth surface. Removed from this press, it is folded, centered, i. c., the loose half sheets are placed in it counted and carried to the wareroom, whence it goes on its mission of cheer in every direction all over the

length and breadth of the land. Few persons have an adequate idea of the amount of work there is expended on tory was eleverly summed up in the two a single piece of music. Every piece of paper is handled twenty-tico times from the time it is received from the paper-mill until it is sold over the counter, and some are handled many more

In conclusion, whenever any of our friends visit the city, we shall take great pleasure in showing them these different processes, and we beg of them not to hold back from fear of annoying us, for it is a real pleasure to us to do what we can to afford enjoyment to others .- Sono Messenger, Chicago.

The Murder of Mr. Pollard.

J. Marshall Hanna, the associate editor of the Southern Opinion, in a card just written, makes the following statement in reference to his connection with the article which is generally believed to have been the cause of Mr. Pollard's

Southern Opinion; as such I wrote most of the original articles that have appeared in its columns. Much I wrote of my own volition, and more I wrote by special direction of the editor-in-chief. I prepared the article which cost the edior his life. It was prepared by his direction. Afterwards, convinced that its publication would be impolitic, if no t unsafe, I asked that the article might be modified, or expunged altogether, or the names left blank or filled with initials that would have left the case without a local habitation."

" The article had then passed from the control of the associate; it was then the property of the editor-to print or withold. He was responsible, not I; and no matter how much I had desired the assumption, H. Rives Pollard always assumed, and never evaded, the responsibility of every line and paragraph printed in the Opinion. 'I am responsible!'
was his invariable response to applicants

" No ; the blood of H. Rives Pollard.